

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1-72. (cancelled)

73. (previously presented) A process for the thermal disinfection of a flexible endoscope comprising the steps of:

i) cleaning said endoscope at with a neutral cleaner;

ii) disinfecting said endoscope by thermochemical disinfection at an operating temperature in a range of from about 90 to about 100°C for from about 1 to about 20 minutes with a composition comprising at least one 1- or 2-(C.sub.3- to C.sub.24-alkyl)glycerol ethers and at least one aromatic alcohol;

iii) rinsing said endoscope with cold water;
and

iv) drying said endoscope.

74. (previously presented) The process according to claim 73, wherein said process further comprises the step of precleaning said endoscope with cold water before step i).

75. (previously presented) The process according to claim 73, wherein said cleaning occurs at a temperature in the range of from about 55 to about 60°C.

76. (previously presented) The process according to claim 73, wherein said cleaning occurs at a temperature of about 93°C.

77-78. (cancelled)

79. (previously presented) The process according to claim 73, wherein said temperature is in the range of from about 90 to about 95°C.

80. (previously presented) The process according to claim 73, wherein said drying occurs at an operating temperature of from about 40 to about 60°C.

81. (cancelled)